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5A, LIBYA (STATUS REPORT). Most of this week's information was reported by ED, NT2X, who has received phone calls from Romeo. The following was reported from the phone conversations: Romeo and a second operator remain in Libya and are doing find. They have been there since the start of the first reports of operation (ed. No date was mentioned, but we are assuming around June 16th.). Their DXpedition was temporarily off the air for reasons not related to amateur radio. The group was ordered to shut down their amplifiers after the first few hours because of interference (He did not say TVI.), but that order has now been rescinded. Romeo told Ed, that they would be back on the air in 24-48 hours, which would have been around June 25th (ed. But no reports as of June 27th.). They plan to stay until June 30th or July 1st.

A discussion took place on Romeo's uses of a 100 kHz-wide split. Romeo stated that the 100 kHz spread was only used in the beginning of the operation because they absolutely could not make out the calls using a smaller band spread. The use of a narrower listening range, which has more signals, caused a slower rate of contacts. While a wider range of listening has a faster rate of contacts. In the three and one half hours where they used the 100 kHz spread, they made over a thousand U.S. contacts. Romeo is considering returning to low power simply to reduce the number of callers. He also mentioned that they are not banned from working the U.S. and the group is not on their way to 3V (Tunisia). The earliest the 3V operation will take place is in August.

It was also reported that they have made a friend who is a local commercial radio technician. They have trained him to operate and he may try to get his own license. They are considering leaving the equipment with him. QSL ONLY to BOX 812, Sofia 1000, Bulgaria. DO NOT send cards to NT2X.

6 METERS. This band has been drawing a lot of attention lately. There were many band openings and DX spots reported on the Ohio/Penn DX Network. Stations from stateside, Canada, South America and Western Europe are enjoying the opening.

A2, BOTSWANA. Dave, A22MN, is more or less QRT because of a RFI problem. To make things worse, Dave's QSL Manager, Ken, WA8JOC, has lost his tower and antennas in a storm and will be down for 4-6 weeks. QSLs for A22MN will be very slow in coming out on account of Ken trying to get things back together. (Editor's Note: There has not been any A22 spots on the Ohio/Penn Network since May 22nd.)

D2, ANGOLA. Chris, D2SA, has been very active this past week on 15 meters SSB starting around 1300z for a few hours and again at 1900z. Listen for him between 21250 and 21300 kHz. QSL via F6FNU.

DXPEDITION POSTPONEMENT ANNOUNCED.....

E3, ERITREA. The DXpedition that was to take place at the end of the month has been delayed until the first week of August. The reason was not given, but details will be forth coming later in July.

BV9, PRATAS ISLAND. The BV9P DXpedition that was scheduled to begin June 25th, is now scheduled to start some time between July 5th and the 15th. The reason reported had something to do with personal commitments.

OH0 & OJ0, ALAND ISLAND AND MARKET REEF. Javier, AH6MM, who is currently active from Finland signing OH8/AH6MM, is teaming up with Seppo, OH1VR, to be active from these two place. They will be active in the CQ WPX VHF Contest as OJ0/OH1VR and in the IARU Contest as OJ0/AH6MM. They will be on Aland Island July 9th and 12th (call sign not mentioned), and on Market Reef between 9th and 12th. All band operation is presumed.

ON4JUL (BELGIUM), SPECIAL EVENT STATION. This station will operate on July 4th, from 0800 to 1800z, to commemorate the United States national holiday. The station will be operating from the "Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe" (S.H.A.P.E.: A NATO organization) in Casteau/Mons, Belgium. Activity will be on 40 and 20 meters CW/SSB by members of "SARES" (SHAPE Amateur Radio & Electronics Society). SARES was established in 1993 for radio amateurs working at SHAPE whose members are from seven different countries (CT, G, DL, K, ON, PA, SV). QSL via UBA Bureau, Box 400, B-8400 Oostende 1, WV, Belgium.

TN, CONGO. TN1AT has been active this past week (All on nets.). Check 21335 kHz starting around 1430z and 14247 kHz starting around 2130z. QSL via F6FNU.

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